American Actions Affecting Indian Textile Exports

†1508. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news items appeared under the title "India's textile exports to US receive major blow" appearing in Economic times dated 23rd November, 1999;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that America deliberately taken such actions as the Indian textile export industry suffers losses; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction in this regard and the steps taken by Government to prevent the loss of textile export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to some other news reports, there are differences in the versions of the Bill passed by the Senate and that passed by the House of Representatives and the future of the legislation remains uncertain. However, further details are being ascertained.

Imports By Textile Industry in the Country

1509. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imports in textile industry in the country have been increasing during the last three years;

(b) if so, the amount of import in 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99, till date;

(c) the details regarding the varieties and the quantity of cloth imported and from which countries;

(d) whether any study has been made to ascertain the need for such import; and

(e) if so, the reaction of Governemnt thereto?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) During the last three years, imports of textile products have shown increasing trend. However, during the current year, provisional import data for the period April-July, 1999 indicate overall decline in imports of textile products in comparison with the corresponding period of the previous year. The details of import during the last three years are given below:—

Source: DGCIS, Calcutta.

Year	Value in Rs. Lakhs
1996-97	263,987.28
1997-98	301,268.88
1998-99	329,729.21
1998-99 (Apr.-Jul)	128,540.44
1999-2000 (Apr.-Jul.)	113,673.67

(c) The details of varieties and the quantity of cloth imported during the last three years are given below:—

Item (in Mn. Kgs)	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Cotton Fabrics	4.01	4.16	3.15
Man-made Fabrics	5.64	8.27	5.54
Woollen Fabrics	0.16	0.32	0.26
Silk Fabric	0.23	0.24	0.31

(c) The names of major countries of import of fabrics in terms of quantity are given below:

Sl. No.	Type of fabric	Major countries
1.	Cotton Fabric	China PRP, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Japan, Indonesia.

Sl. No.	Type of fabric	Major countries
2.	Man-made fabric	China PRP, Chinese Taipei, Korea RP, Hong Kong, Japan, U.A.E.
3.	Woollen Fabric	Italy, Korea RP, U.K., Hong Kong, USA
4.	Silk Fabric	China PRP, Chinese Taipei, USA

(d) and (e) Imports of products including textile products are made as per the EXIM Policy formulated from time to time and the Government receives inputs from all concerned before such formulation.

Closure of NTC Mills

1510. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NTC mills presently closed in the country and since when;

(b) the number of persons rendered unemployed due to closure of the mills; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to make these mills operational and rehabilitate workers who have become unemployed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) No NTC mill has been closed except Ajudhia Textile Mills, Delhi which was closed as per the Supreme Court order on polluting industries. The employees of Ajudhia Textile Mills were paid enhanced compensation as directed by the Hon'ble Court.

(c) On the basis of a unit-wise viability study made by NTC, Government is considering a revised turn around plan for the viable subsidiaries of NTC alongwith the viable mill under them keeping in view the BIFR norms of net worth of these mills turning positive within the period prescribed by BIFR. The interest of the workers will be kept in view in the Revival Plan.